

Excavating and Loading Machine and Dragline Operators (53-7032)

Occupation description: Operate or tend machinery equipped with scoops, shovels, or buckets, to excavate and load loose materials. Excludes "Dredge Operators" (53-7031).

Employment and Job Openings

	Average employment			Average annual openings		
	2010 estimate	2020 projection	Percent change	Growth	Replacement	Total
Alaska	206	228	10.7	2	6	8
United States	61,500	72,200	17.4	1,070	1,820	2,890

Job outlook

Alaska: Alaska's employment growth is moderate with moderate employment opportunities. [Read more.](#)

2013 Wages

	Mean Wage and 95% Confidence Interval			Wage by Percentile		
	Low	Mean	High	10th	Median	90th
United States	n/a	20.66	n/a	12.61	18.70	32.33
Alaska	22.24	25.60	28.96	14.68	26.30	36.63

Labor Force Indicators

2012 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
265	51	19.2	53.3	37.9

2012 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	75
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	19
UI claimants previously working in occupation	99

2012 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	914
Number of job position postings	24
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	38.1

Typical Entry-level Education, Experience, and/or On-the-job Training

Education: Less than high school

Work experience: 1 to 5 years

On-the-job training: Moderate-term on-the-job training

Training Resources

Degree

Alaska Operating Engineers/Employers Training Trust

Heavy Equipment Operator

Degree

Alaska Teamster-Employer Service Training Trust

Mining Safety and Health Administration

Degree

Alaska's Institute of Technology (AVTEC)

Diesel/Heavy Equipment Technology

Certificate

Degree

Center for Employment Education

Mining Safety and Health Administration

Degree

Delta Mine Training Center

Health, Safety, and Environmental

Surface Mining

Underground Mine Training

Degree

Ilisagvik College

Construction/Heavy Equipment Operations

Certificate

Degree

Northern Industrial Training

Heavy Equipment Training - 4 Week, Palmer

Certificate

Heavy Equipment Training - 6 Week, Palmer

Cer/CDL

Heavy Equipment Training - 8 Week, Palmer

CDL

MSHA: Inexperienced Surface Miner, Palmer

Degree

Southwest Alaska Vocational and Education Center

Heavy Equipment Operator Training

Certificate

Degree

University of Alaska, Mining and Petroleum Training Service

DEC Certified Septic Installer Initial and Refresher	
Mine Safety and Health Administration Part 48 Refresher	
Mine Safety and Health Administration Part 48 Surface New Miner	
Mine Safety and Health Administration Part 48 Underground New Miner	

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